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8. There is no direct liaison between the GST and the trade unions, except that the GST has the responsibility for training of the Battle Groups (Kampf-Gruppen).
9. Parachute sport in the DDR has not yet reached the stage of being official. It is most advanced in the Berlin Bezirk, where two years of athletic training have been completed.
10. On the so-called "Day of the Republic" on 17 October 1954, the first overt parachute sports demonstration was to be given.
11. The parachute sport in the GST is at present centered in the Planned Economy Section at Karlshorst, led by a certain Dieter Hentze. He and another man were recently participating in a special course at an unknown location. Both these persons were due to be back in time for the demonstration on 17 October 1954 which was to be given from the parachute tower at the east end of the Karlshorst race course. The tower was to be put in a proper state of repair by that time.
12. There are fourteen short-wave radio licensees in the GST, the best-known of whom is Klaus Heussler, Berlin-Treptow, Elsenstrasse 31. These licensed amateurs get good and regular reception from South America, Japan, New York, Paris and other centers.
13. The GST enjoys considerable financial support from the East German government, and officials are authorized to emphasize this during membership drives by pointing out that the government supports the movement not only with equipment but also with cash.
14. At the end of August, each instructor in charge of a branch of sports had to prepare his financial plan in which he estimated his cash requirements for repair of equipment and for new equipment, as well as actually proposed expenditures for the coming year. These plans were then co-ordinated and sent to the Central Committee in Halle for action. Further details are not known.
15. The smallest part of the GST is the Instructional Group (Lehrgruppe), which consists of thirty to forty persons. An Instructional Group will cover only one subject such as shooting, motor sport, pigeon sport, and so on. Several Instructional Groups will be comprised in the Basic Unit (Grundeinheit). A Basic Unit is always attached to large concern such as VEB-Transformatorwerk in Oberschoene-weide, Elektroapparatwerk in Treptow and Bergmann-Borsig in Hennigsdorf.
16. At the last named factory there are, for example, two to four Motor Sports Instructional Groups, but only one Basic Unit. Basic Units are subordinate to the Kreis, and the Kreis to the Bezirk. The Bezirke are responsible to the Central Committee at Halle. Bezirke include Greater Berlin, Potsdam, Neubrandenburg, Schwerin and Rostock.
17. The head of a Basic Unit is always a paid official (hauptamtlich). His assistants are honorary (ehrenamtlich). The leaders of most, but not all, Instructional Groups are honorary. An Agitation Leader (Agitleiter) is attached to each Instructional Group. He is responsible for propaganda and for recruiting of new members, while the leader of the group is solely responsible for training.

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